

**National Juneteenth Observance Foundation (NJOF)
DIRECTORS & PLANNERS HANDBOOK**



2022



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2022 NJOF CALENDAR

Feb 1	THANK YOU AT NATIONAL PRESS CLUB
June 1	WE ARE THE JUNETEENTH WORLD FLAG DAY
June 7	JUNETEENTH WORLD FLAG RAISING
June 17	NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST
June 18	MAAFA
June 19	JUNETEENTH
June 20	JUNETEENTH – OBSERVED
	JUNETEENTH MARCH RECOGNIZING U.S.C.T. & PRESENT MILITARY & VETERANS
Oct 14-16	GALVESTON TEXAS: 5 TH ANNUAL DIRECTORS AND PLANNERS MEETING 3 RD NATIONAL MISS JUNETEENTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 1 ST NATIONAL PITMASTER & GRILL MASTER COMPETITION

NATIONAL JUNETEENTH OBSERVANCE FOUNDATION (NJOF)

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MESSAGE FROM STEVEN WILLIAMS. PRESIDENT

National Juneteenth Observance Foundation

Welcome to the NJOF Leadership Family

Thank you for answering the call to promote Juneteenth with the NJOF. As a leader in America's greatest grassroots organization you can expect support from others like yourself from across the country and around the world. Truly, your strength is in our unity, with our members. The NJOF family is made of people dedicated to Juneteenth.

REV. RONALD V. MYERS, SR. M.D. (1956-2018)

Founder & Chairman

National Juneteenth Observance Foundation (NJOF) National Association of Juneteenth Jazz Presenters (NAJJP)

National Juneteenth Holiday Campaign

National Juneteenth Christian Leadership Council (NJCLC)

Rev. Ronald 'Doc' Myers was a leading national advocate for health care to the poor and disenfranchised. In 1990, Rev. Myers became the first ordained and commissioned medical missionary to serve in America's poorest region, the Mississippi Delta, in the history of the African American church. In 1997, through the leadership of Lula Briggs Galloway, President of the NAJL and Rev. Ronald V. Myers, Sr., M.D., Chairman of the NAJL, the U.S. congress officially passed historic legislation recognizing Juneteenth as "Juneteenth Independence Day" in America.

Rev. Myers introduced Juneteenth to 43 states and the District of Columbia. His vision became a reality June 17, 2021 when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day legislation with NJOF board member, Ms. Opal Lee at the table.

THE NATIONAL JUNETEENTH OBSERVANCE FOUNDATION

The National Juneteenth Observance Foundation (NJOF) has led the way for the recognition of Juneteenth since the beginning of the modern Juneteenth movement nearly 30 years ago. Ratification and signature of the Juneteenth Federal Independence Day legislation, added Juneteenth to the national calendar as the first Title 5 federal holiday since Martin Luther King Day. South Dakota became the last state with Juneteenth legislation, February 2022.

The National Juneteenth Observance Foundation (NJOF) obtained support for the Juneteenth legislation and holiday after 27 years and we are as recognized subject matter expert on

Juneteenth by the Library of Congress and the 400 Year Commission on African American History. NJOF goes forth to educate the world on Juneteenth and the many hidden stories as the recognized Subject Matter Experts on Juneteenth. As year one of first federal holiday since ML King Day, this is an important time in *history*.

We now move to the next tier, education.

The NJOF Education Committee was formed to research and write curriculum to be made available to students of all ages. In 2019, ***Juneteenth 101*** was released as an overview of 1862 to 1866 history highlighting the Civil War, the Emancipation Proclamation signing and the June 19, 1865, the posting of general order #3 in Galveston Texas advising those still enslaved of their freedoms, concluding with the passage of the 13th amendment. Added in 2021 was the Juneteenth 101 Teachers Script. They are available for free download online at www.NJOF.org

NJOF PHONE TREE 888.509.6563

Department Extensions

Extension 0 - Default Extension
Extension 1 - Membership
Extension 2 - Programs & Events
Extension 3 - Government Affairs
Extension 4 - Education
Extension 5 - Pageants
Extension 6 - Sales

Employee Extensions

Extension 700 - Steve Williams
Extension 701 – Deborah 'Dee' Evans

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COMMITTEES

Education	National Miss Juneteenth Scholarship Program	Annual Meeting
Legislation	BBQ	Poster Contest
Coin	Stamp	Film & Media
		Calendar

YOUR ROLE

You are the spark to light the Juneteenth flame in your community, the subject matter expert on Juneteenth National Independence Day and Juneteenth 101.

STATE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Reports To: NJOF Chairman and Board of Directors	Selected by the President
Non-Salaried Position	Part Time
Represents the efforts of National Juneteenth Observance Foundation to comply and support the national goals and programs of NJOF.	
Promotes the celebration of the Juneteenth Holiday campaign and events in their state.	

THEME – 2022

The 2022 Juneteenth Fathers of Freedom, United States Colored Troops

WEBSITE

www.NJOFF.org

TWITTER PAGES

NationalJuneteenth NJOF @JuneteenthPres

NationalJuneteenth NJOF_Communications @DMatrixGranny

FACEBOOK PAGES

National Juneteenth Directors and Planners <https://www.facebook.com/groups/juneteenthdirectors>

National Juneteenth Independence Day Celebrations

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/JuneteenthEvents>

Juneteenth Honors African American Military <https://www.facebook.com/groups/125788541365716/>

National Miss Juneteenth Scholarship Program

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/nationalmissjuneteenthprogram>

Juneteenth News <https://www.facebook.com/JuneteenthNewsDMatrix>

MODERN DAY SECURITY

Security doesn't mean armed guards, rather awareness of your situation and surroundings with emergency plans or procedures. Think ahead, imagine scenarios and make plans for response. Be aware of the current Covid requirements and make an informed decision for your family.

JUNETEENTH BENEFITS

Community involvement – Churches /Schools/Businesses

Economic Development Tourism

Community Revitalization

Entertainment

Education

Knowledge of Your History

Cultural Identity

Historical Archives & Marker

JUNETEENTH QUESTIONS

Can You Answer These Questions?

1. Who is Rev. Ronald V. Myers, Sr. M.D.?
2. How many states were introduced to Juneteenth ?
3. What date was Juneteenth National Independence Day legislation signed?
4. What is Juneteenth, and When?
5. What is Juneteenth World Sickle Cell Day?
6. What is the Juneteenth Holiday Campaign?
7. What is the History of Juneteenth?
8. Is Juneteenth a holiday?
9. How can I support Juneteenth in my state?
10. How do I celebrate Juneteenth?
11. Is there a Juneteenth event in my city?
12. Is there someone who can speak to my group about Juneteenth?
13. Can someone come on my program for an interview?
14. Where can I buy Juneteenth flag and memorabilia?
15. What is Juneteenth Flag ceremony?
16. What are the Juneteenth foods?
17. Are you on Facebook / Twitter / Instagram?
18. Is there someone who can answer my questions on Juneteenth /Flag /Traditions?
19. Who celebrates Juneteenth?

If you need help with the above, call us at 888-509-NJOF (6563) x701 or send us an e-mail Communications@NationalJuneteenth.org

JUNETEENTH ANSWERS

1. Rev. Ronald 'Doc' Myers was founder to NJOF
2. Rev. Myers introduced 43 states and the District of Columbia
3. June 17, 2021.
4. On June 19 ("Juneteenth"), 1865, General Order Number 3 was posted on Reedy Chapel door
5. Established by the United Nations, World Sickle Cell Day provides a great opportunity to bring awareness to Sickle Cell Anemia during the observance of Juneteenth in America and around the world.
6. The movement to have Juneteenth nationally observed like Flag Day. The first Juneteenth celebrations began in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma.
7. Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States and has actually been an African American tradition since the late 19th century. Economic and cultural forces caused a decline in Juneteenth celebrations beginning in the early 20th century. Throughout the 1980's and 1990's African Americans had a growing interest to see that the events of 1865 in Texas were not forgotten. In 1994, the era of the **"Modern Juneteenth Movement"** began when a group of Juneteenth leaders from across the country gathered in New Orleans, Louisiana,
8. Yes. Federal legislation was signed June 17, 2021. In Texas and Pennsylvania, it is a state holiday and is recognized by all 50 states and the District of Columbia . Final state with legislation: South Dakota
9. By promoting and executing Juneteenth events like flag raisings and unity walks.
10. Call your senator and asking them to support Juneteenth, make annual donations to the NJOF
11. Check the www.njof.org website events section to see if there any activities.
12. The NJOF National Office will work to find you a speaker at your event.
13. Yes, contact the National Office for detailed response
14. The online Juneteenth Store at www.nationaljuneteenth.org
15. **ORDER OF FLAG RAISING SERVICE**
 - Raising of the U.S. Flag
 - Playing of the National Anthem
 - Raising of the Juneteenth Flag
 - Playing of the Negro National Anthem, **"Lift Every Voice & Sing"**
 - Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation
 - Keynote Speaker
 - Closing Comments & Prayer
16. Watermelon and red soda water are the oldest **traditional foods** on **Juneteenth**," says the Rev. Dr. Ronald Myers, head of the **National Juneteenth Observance Foundation**. "And there's always been soul food served. Fried chicken and barbecue and greens and black-eyed peas.
17. Several groups on Social Media .
18. Yes, there is information on our website and a link to the Buffalo Soldiers
19. Juneteenth belongs to all. It is American history.

JUNETEENTH FLAG COPYRIGHT

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JUNETEENTH FLAG RAISING

Juneteenth Flag may be flown year round.

First Monday in June is We Are the Juneteenth Flag Day.

Flags may be raised at the beginning of June and allowed to fly for the entire month, or may fly only for a brief period on a single day. Flags may be raised in multiple locations. In warmer climates, consider indoor program and exit as a group to flag pole, for actual raising of the flag. Check for Seating & Sun Protection / Canopy

JUNETEENTH FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

60-minute program

Raising of the U.S. Flag

Playing of the National Anthem

Raising of the Juneteenth Flag

Playing of the Negro National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice & Sing" - 1 verse

Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation

Reading of the General Order #3

Keynote Speaker

Closing Comments & Prayer

JUNETEENTH DAY OF OBSERVANCE vs. JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY

Amendment of the Flag Code -- U.S. Code 36

Cities and States may define their own rules regarding holidays and days of observance. The federal procedure for national recognition is different. Shortly after the passage of the Martin Luther King holiday, in 1983, a moratorium was issued for future dates. Before consideration for holiday passage, 75% of all states in the union must have legislation recognizing the day or event in question. With Nevada's passage as the 39th state to recognize Juneteenth in 2011, Juneteenth Independence Day or Juneteenth National Freedom day became a candidate for federal consideration under this rule. There were no holidays recognized on the federal level between the 1983 passage of Martin Luther King Day and Juneteenth National Independence Day bill signing in 2021. Holidays must be presented to the Appropriation Committee and passage is difficult. The final states, Utah and South Carolina passed legislation in 2000 making King Day a paid holiday for federal employees. This rule does not apply to workers outside of the federal government. Private employers must abide by their individual state rules which vary across the country.

Observance days do not have to overcome this hurdle. There is a mandate for government agencies to recognize days of observance through control of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). Through their guidance, all Federal agencies recognize and 'observe' these days. They are responsible for the education of department managers regarding the procedures such as programs, flag raisings, publications, etc., which makes an impact and unifies America for that day. In a holistic approach, they must assure the observance for all of America. While days of observance must have a uniform procedure, holidays do not have this mandate embedded in their structure.

In the case of Juneteenth, the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation (NJOF) is the recognized subject matter expert. We will have a hand in the defining of government policy on Juneteenth. While there are many organizations involved in Juneteenth celebrations and commemoration, NJOF has been instrumental in the passage of more than forty-three pieces of state legislation recognizing Juneteenth. Juneteenth is currently recognized in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. South Dakota was the last state with legislation of either holiday or observance recognition. NJOF sought Juneteenth as a federal day of observance, similar to Flag Day as stage one, stage two would have been a continuance to federal holiday status.

Juneteenth is internationally recognized in Africa, Mexico, Guam, and Japan among other countries. The United Nations additionally has named Juneteenth, June 19th as World Sickle Cell Day.

MAAFA

NATIONAL JUNETEENTH BLACK HOLOCAUST “MAAFA” MEMORIAL SERVICE and **NATIONAL JUNETEENTH PRAYER BREAKFAST** is held during the 3rd the weekend in June as part of the **NATIONAL DAY OF RECONCILIATION & HEALING FROM THE LEGACY OF ENSLAVEMENT** Programming.

From 2011:

Beginning in the year 2000, during the annual [WASHINGTON JUNETEENTH National Holiday Observance](#), the “3rd Friday in June” has been set aside as the date for the [National Day of Reconciliation and Healing From the Legacy of Enslavement](#). It is also known as the [National Day of the Remembrance of the Maafa](#).

As stated by Rev. Ronald Myers, Sr. in 2011: *“As the descendants of Americans of African descent, our ancestors were brought to America in chains. This should never be forgotten,”* stated Rev. Dr. Ronald V. Myers, Sr., M.D., *Founder & Chairman* of the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation (NJO) and the National Juneteenth Christian Leadership Council (NJCLC), sponsors of the annual WASHINGTON JUNETEENTH National Holiday Observance. *“Millions lost their lives during the middle passage, not to mention the thousands killed from lynching and murders before and after the civil war. One ponders as to why so little attention has been given to our own history of death and destruction in America.”*

History reveals that George Washington was a slave owner. Thomas Jefferson was a slave owner. Many of the founding fathers of America were slave owners. The US Capitol and the White House were built through the uncompensated labor of the ancestors of Americans of African descent during the tyranny of enslavement.

“In response, we have embraced the term ‘[Maafa](#)’, a Kiswahili term meaning ‘disaster’ or ‘terrible occurrence’, to tell our own story about our enslavement and the sustained attempt to dehumanize us,” continues Dr. Myers.

The day was established in recognition of former Congressman Tony Hall's efforts to pass a congressional apology for slavery. Dr. Myers, who worked closely with Congressman Hall, learned firsthand that America's slave legacy was still a very contemptuous issue for many Americans, who would rather ignore history, then embrace the truth.

“Introduced twice by Congressman Hall, the last time on [Juneteenth Independence Day](#), the ‘19th of June’, 2000, we just recently, in July of 2008, received an apology for slavery by congress.” states Dr. Myers. *“This again demonstrates the need for America to be healed from the legacy of enslavement.”*

In 2008, the U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation for an Apology For Slavery and Jim Crow sponsored by Congressman Steve Cohen (D-TN). Similar apology for slavery legislation that was passed in the U.S. Senate sponsored by Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA) in 2009, but failed in the U.S. House of Representatives. Dr. Myers hopes that legislation will be passed, with both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate concurring in 2011.

In January of 2008, New Jersey passed apology for slavery legislation. In 2007, four states passed similar legislation, including Virginia, Alabama, Maryland and North Carolina. 37 states, most recently Georgia this year, officially recognize Juneteenth as a state holiday or state holiday observance. Dr. Myers, who was appointed *National Advisory Chairman* of America's Black Holocaust Museum by the museum's founder, the late Dr. James Cameron, a lynching survivor, was encouraged by the Senate apology for

lynching during the week of Juneteenth in 2005.

"Dr. Cameron taught me the importance of forgiveness, patience and reconciliation by his remarkable life," states Dr. Myers. "It lead to a Senate apology for lynching. Congress continues to demonstrate sensitivity to issues surrounding the legacy of enslavement in America and we pray they will continue to do so."

Dr. Myers has also been encouraged by the actions of French President M. Jacques Chirac who addressed the people of France during a 2006 National Day of Remembrance and Commemoration of Slavery and Its Abolition. An International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition was established by the United Nations in 2002 and is now observed annually on the "23rd of August".

"There was an act passed by the U.S. Congress, signed by President Bush in 2008, to establish a Commission on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. This was in recognition of the 200th Anniversary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act of 1808," states Dr. Myers. "All this was inspired by the work of Venita Maria Benitez, Founder of Global Slavery Remembrance Day in 2006. She also organized the first '23rd of August' celebration of the 'Revolt and Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade' in 2008, in Dallas, Texas."

As the leader of the "Modern Juneteenth Movement" in America, Dr. Myers knows that more can be done to encourage reconciliation and healing during the observance of Juneteenth. Calling for the U.S. Congress to pass legislation to establish Juneteenth Independence Day as a National Holiday Observance, like Flag Day or Patriot Day, Dr. Myers continues to invite President Barack Obama, America's first African American president, to support the annual WASHINGTON JUNETEENTH National Holiday Observance and the National Day of Reconciliation and Healing From the Legacy of Enslavement.

Despite President Obama's current lack of support, and the recent refusal of the U.S. Postal Service to issue a postage stamp to commemorate Juneteenth, after over eleven years of a petition drive sending thousands of signatures to the White House and the USPS, Dr. Myers hopes that new efforts will promote even a greater recognition of the need for reconciliation and healing from the legacy of enslavement.

"We now observe the annual World Day of Reconciliation and Healing From the Legacy of Enslavement on the '3rd Saturday in August', August 20, 2011, in Richmond, VA." states Dr. Myers. "This commemorates the date the first slave ship, the White Lion, landed in Virginia at Old Point Comfort, today's Fort Monroe, from the shores of West Africa. This occurred on the 'latter end of August, 1619', with the arrival of twenty Angolans, America's first Middle Passage."

"Please join us in pray and make the '3rd Friday in June' a monumental day of remembrance and healing of our Maafa in America," states Dr. Myers. "We must continue to seek God in prayer for the healing of the nation from the legacy of enslavement."

JUNETEENTH PLANNING SCHEDULE

Recommended 12 months, minimum 6 months in advance of dates

OCTOBER TO FEBRUARY

Research, Planning and Evaluation
Proposal writing for funding
Research Available Grants /Apply
First Draft of Budget

JUNE TO JANUARY

Find Site for Ceremony, Research Insurance Needs & Costs
Contact Potential Local Sponsors
Contact Potential Performers
Contact National Office to schedule Buffalo Soldiers

FEBRUARY - MARCH

Military base may provide a speaker, if available, on chosen focus topic. Submit online form 90-120 days in advance. Confirm they received. Follow up 30 days before event to confirm speaker will be available.
Contact NJOF office to schedule Buffalo soldiers, or call local military base for color guard and speakers.
Military guard is not allowed to raise Juneteenth flag.
Determine if the location has an insurance requirement. Contact agents for quotes and requirements.
Communicate with, and invite, elected officials
Determine size of flag needed. Order flag, Consider ordering Juneteenth flag banner

FEBRUARY TO MAY

Request proclamations, in writing, from State, County, City to recognize Juneteenth
Locate a space that has flagpole. Consider city hall, county sites, schools, libraries or park spaces.
Request permission to hold flag raising
Set up early promotional interviews in February

APRIL TO MAY

Send press releases to media, churches, schools, etc. Distribute flyers in parking lots, bus stops, businesses.
List event on public event calendars, set up interviews, Create programs.
Determine if site can provide Sound System & Podium
Check for electricity, cables, microphones needs
Reconfirm participants
Determine if the National Anthem & Negro Anthem will be sung, live instrumentals, or if tape will be played. Make arrangements. Make copies of lyrics for distribution.
Post on community calendars
Set up interviews
Send press releases

MAY - JUNE

Contact site, 14 days prior to arrange walk thru.

Make copies of General Order #3, Emancipation Proclamation for reading or inclusion in program.

JUNE

Set up walk thru and coordinate one week in advance with city/county reps & color guard

Ensure no problems with flagpole / key

Reconfirm with location sponsor the week before and again the day before.

DAY OF EVENT

Arrive early and be sure everything is in order.

Greet Guests

Distribute programs

NATIONAL MISS JUNETEENTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

National Miss Juneteenth is endorsed by the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation (NJO) a grassroots organization made up of Juneteenth representatives in all 50 states. Many of these states hold Miss Juneteenth Pageants with participants in various age groups. 2020 brought the winners of the local state groups together for the first time.

National Miss Juneteenth Committee presents the National Miss Juneteenth Scholarship Program, in October. The program allows Juneteenth state pageant winners to be a part of the national event. It is designed to encourage young ladies to embrace their diversity and culture while pursuing higher education goals. We believe it is important to assist young ladies in their educational aspirations, while showcasing women of color in a way that inspires the youth to see young black women represented on a national pageant platform.

Responsibility of National Miss Juneteenth Committee:

Planning of annual national event in October.

Locate sponsors

Creation and Raising Funds for Juneteenth

Mentor participating young ladies

Scholarship

Market program

Fundraising to cover all expenses

Maintain open communications and Submission

Receive and Process applications of all candidates

of written reports to Advisors

NATIONAL JUNETEENTH BBQ PITMASTER & GRILLMASTER COMPETITION

Similar in structure to National Miss Juneteenth Program. Endorsed by the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation. Produced by the National BBQ Committee, bringing together state winners in October. *Mission:* To foster a love for the origins of BBQ, to share the connected history of Juneteenth and BBQ, define the types, styles, and preparation, of BBQ. While giving to the community, the

competition is not only about food (BBQ) but community involvement. Community service is one of the requirements for participation.

CLASS - JUNETEENTH BUSINESS CLASS

Class outline:

Business Entity Type

<https://www.sba.gov/business-guide/launch-your-business/choose-business-structure>

Name

EIN <https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/apply-for-an-employer-identification-number-ein-online>

Address

Web Address usually means nonprofit .org

Contact Phone email and fax

Branding Logo, Slogan, Jingles, Tones, #tag

Local and State Requirements

<https://smallbusiness.findlaw.com/starting-a-business/state-and-local-small-business-licenses-for-start-ups.html>

<https://www.sba.gov/business-guide/manage-your-business/stay-legally-compliant>

Registered Agent

Federal (IRS) requirements

<https://www.stayexempt.irs.gov/>

- A) Applying to IRS –Form 1023

B) Starting out – Organizing Documents

C) Starting out – Employee Identification Number (EIN)

D) Required Filings – Annual Returns

E) Required Filings – Unrelated Business Income

F) Ongoing Compliance – Form 990

G) Significant Events – Private Letter Rulings

H) Termination Proceedings

1023 EZ <https://www.irs.gov/instructions/i1023ez>

Pay.gov Register to file your 1023 Ez

<https://www.pay.gov/public/registration>

Worksheet <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i1023ez.pdf>

Legal – There are five steps to the lifecycle of a tax-exempt organization. They include

- Starting out
- Applying for Exemption
- Required Filings
- Ongoing Compliance, and
- Significant Events

OPERATIONS

Accounting

<https://zipbooks.com/>

Business

<https://www.rocketlawyer.com/>

Management

<https://www.office.com/>

<https://nonprofit.microsoft.com/en-us/getting-started>

<https://gsuite.google.com/>

<https://support.google.com/nonprofits/answer/3367223?hl=en>

Trademarks, Copyrights, and Patents

[https://www.uspto.gov/trademarks-getting-started/trademark-basics/trademark-patent-or-copyright#:~:text=What%20is%20a%20trademark%3F,party%20from%20those%20of%20others.&text=Unlike%20patents%20and%20copyrights%2C%20trademarks,use%E2%80%9D%20\(see%20below\).](https://www.uspto.gov/trademarks-getting-started/trademark-basics/trademark-patent-or-copyright#:~:text=What%20is%20a%20trademark%3F,party%20from%20those%20of%20others.&text=Unlike%20patents%20and%20copyrights%2C%20trademarks,use%E2%80%9D%20(see%20below).)

Mock Corporation

Name: Juneteenth Association

Mission Statement

Follow these steps to form your own nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation.

1. Choose a name. ...
2. File articles of incorporation. ...
3. Apply for your IRS tax exemption. ...
4. Apply for a state tax exemption. ...
5. Draft bylaws. ...
6. Appoint directors. ...
7. Hold a meeting of the board. ...
8. Obtain licenses and permits.

CLASS - USING TECHNOLOGY TO PROMOTE JUNETEENTH

This class is for using technology for promoting Juneteenth and carrying out your events in this age of Social Distancing. We will show how to distribute your message electronically, broadcast your event live and get feedback from participants. Recommended that you sign in from computer to see any examples that may be displayed

To Join the Online class

1. From your computer open a browser (preferably Google Chrome)
2. In the address bar enter <https://meetings.dialpad.com/room/juneteenth>
3. Enter your name when the login page comes up
4. (The site might ask for permission to use your camera and or microphone. Accept if you want to use your pc for voice or, choose View Only if you want to call in from your phone.)

Class outline:

Branding

Have your name recognized and your online presence

Equipment

What does it take

Electronic Distribution

Email SMS

Live broadcast

OBS Studio

Facebook How, requirements, pros & Cons

YouTube How, requirements, pros & Cons

Other Services Pros & Cons

Questions and Comments

JUNETEENTH COMMEMORATIVE COIN - IN DEVELOPMENT

13th Amendment (Gold) / Juneteenth (Platinum) focus of new coin

JUNETEENTH FILM & /MEDIA FILM FEST

Inaugural year 2022



2022 POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION

*"Together we will see Juneteenth Independence Day
become a National Day of Observance in America!"*

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

Please read the following guidelines carefully and adhere to all the specifications designated below. Submissions that do not meet the guideline requirements will not be accepted into the competition.

MISSION:

To ensure that Juneteenth Independence Day will be recognized as the National Holiday of Reconciliation and Healing on June 19th, of every year, to complete the cycle of Freedom.

GOALS:

- To promote initiatives that create opportunities for individuals and families to improve their lives.

ALL WINNING DESIGN ENTRANTS WILL RECEIVE:

- Recognition at the 2022 NJOF Awards Banquet
- National social media and print recognition
- Inclusion in the 2022-2023 NJOF CALENDAR

In addition:

- 1st Place winners shall receive - \$300 cash award, certificate of participation, an 11x17 framed print of winning entry design featured on *the cover* of the NJOF 2023 -2024 calendar, and a NJOF commemorative coin.
- 2nd place winners shall receive - \$100 cash award, certificate of participation, design featured in the NJOF 2023-2024 calendar; a copy of the 2022-2023 NJOF calendar, and an 11x17 framed print of winning entry .

- 3rd place winners shall receive - \$50 cash award, certificate of participation, design featured in the NJOF 2023-2024 calendar; a copy of the 2022-2023 NJOF calendar, and an 11x17 framed print of winning entry (upon request)

ELIGIBILITY:

Competition is open to everyone!

DESIGN GUIDELINES:

Only original designs will be accepted in this competition. ALL entries must be submitted both virtually, and in hard copy. Please include the following with each submission:

- 1) NJOF Logo and/or Flag—DO NOT Change the logo. Submissions that are missing a clear and unaltered logo will not be considered for a winning place.
 - a. Entrants can access the required NJOF logo for your poster via www.njof.org
- 2) Contains elements that speak to the mission and goals of NJOF; or “All things Juneteenth.”
- 3) Created in dimensions of 11”x 17”

Virtual entries must be export in email as a **PDF and JPEG** attachment (without crop, registration, or bleed marks).

Email to: Poster@nationaljuneteenth.org

Hard copies must be mailed to:

C.S. Turnipseed

POB 64 Indianola, MS 38751 USA

ATTN: NJOF Poster Design

Access these guidelines online at www.NJOF.org/poster

ENTRY DEADLINE:

Fill out the attached ENTRY FORM complete with signature:

Entry Deadline: **APRIL 19, 2022** – A print-ready poster design (PDF or JPEG) must be uploaded no later than 11:59 PST.

VOTING:

- **ROUND 1:** All entries received before the deadline will be posted in a gallery on the NJOF website, Facebook, Instagram, and other social media channels. Voting will take place from **April 21st -25th**. The posters with the greatest number of likes will proceed to the next round. (Follow us on Facebook and Instagram and share posts to promote your work.)
- **ROUND 2:** Internal judging will be completed by the *NJOF Poster Competition Committee* to determine 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners; as well as Honorable Mentions, if necessary.
- Winners will be notified immediately after rounds 1 & 2 of judging, and public announcements will be made on May 19th.

JUNETEENTH UNITY POW WOW

There will be Juneteenth Unity Pow Wows held across the country to connect the spirits with interaction from all, including a reconnection of the Black Freedmen and the Buffalo Soldiers to the Native American community. The ceremonies will include a Grand March entrance, and Honoring of the Elders and Councils to be held to discuss concerns.

NATIONWIDE JUNETEENTH POW WOW OUTLINE

The Grand Entry - Everyone is asked to stand as the flags are brought into the Pow Wow area. The flags carried generally include the U.S. Flag, Juneteenth Flag, (Church Crest) Tribal Flags, and Eagle Staffs of various Native Nations present. These are usually carried by veterans.

Master of Ceremonies (MC)

Song – Lift Every Voice (*Head Singer*)

Dance (Tribal and or Praise Dancers)

Drums (drum ceremony)

Prayer (Lords prayer, the Great Spirit Prayer (Lakota) Oh, **Great Spirit**, whose voice I hear in the wind, whose breath gives life to all the world. Hear me; I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty, and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset

Council - Perfecting Unity, Agree to be together in freedom – (Goat Carson) White Buffalo / [Native American & Buffalo Soldiers]

Give Aways - Remember, the main principle is that you are honoring an event in your life—things should be done in a dignified manner. Another basic principle is to simply do the best you can—do not worry about whether or not your giveaway is as big or nice as someone else's.

Acknowledgement of Elders - is an opportunity to acknowledge, and pay respect, to the Traditional Owners, ongoing custodians, and Elders of the land. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging. (Endorsed by the USDAC)

Close Dance

Closing prayers:

To the **Great Spirit**, **Give us hearts to understand**; never to take from creation's beauty more than we **give**; never to destroy wantonly for the furtherance of greed; never to deny to **give** our hands for the building of earth's beauty; never to take from her what we cannot use.

GIMEL – Psalm 119

17 Deal bountifully with Your servant, That I may live and keep Your word.

18 Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.

19 I am a stranger in the earth; Do not hide Your commandments from me.

20 My soul [c]breaks with longing For Your judgments at all times.

21 You rebuke the proud—the cursed, Who stray from Your commandments.
22 Remove from me reproach and contempt, For I have kept Your testimonies.
23 Princes also sit and speak against me, But Your servant meditates on Your statutes.
24 Your testimonies also are my delight And my counselors.

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Juneteenth Flag

Purchase trademarked Juneteenth Flag at www.njof.org, the authorized administrators

“At the banquet table of nature, there are no reserved seats. You get what you can take, and you keep what you can hold. If you can't take anything, you won't get anything, and if you can't hold anything, you won't keep anything. And you can't take anything without organization.” --
A. Philip Randolph, Call 888.509.NJOF (6563)

Ben Haith
Creator Of Juneteenth Flag



The Juneteenth flag, which commemorates the day that slavery ended in the US.

THE JUNETEENTH FLAG IS FULL OF SYMBOLS

That banner with a bursting star in the middle is the Juneteenth Flag, a symbolic representation of [the end of slavery in the United States](#).

The flag is the brainchild of activist Ben Haith, founder of the National Juneteenth Celebration Foundation (NJCF). Haith created the flag in 1997.

The flag was revised in 2000 into the version we know today. Seven years later, the date "June 19, 1865" was added, commemorating the day that Union Army Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, and told enslaved African Americans of their emancipation.

For two decades now, communities around the country have held flag-raising ceremonies on Juneteenth in celebration of their freedom.

"This country has so many aspects to it that are spiritual, and I believe this flag is of that nature," Haith said. "It (the idea for the design) just came through me."

Designing the flag and its symbols was a deliberate process, Haith said. Here's what each element of the flag represents.

The star

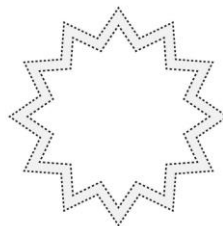


The white star in the center of the flag has a dual meaning, Haith said.

For one, it represents Texas, the Lone Star State. It was in Galveston in 1865 where Union soldiers [informed the country's last remaining enslaved people](#) that, under the Emancipation Proclamation issued two years earlier, they were free.

But the star also goes beyond Texas, representing the freedom of African Americans in all 50 states.

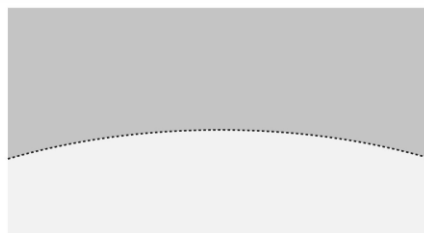
The burst



The bursting outline around the star is inspired by a nova, a term that astronomers use to mean a new star.

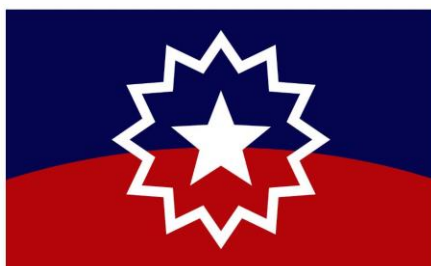
On the Juneteenth flag, this represents a new beginning for the African Americans of Galveston and throughout the land.

The arc



The curve that extends across the width of the flag represents a new horizon: the opportunities and promise that lay ahead for black Americans.

The colors



The red, white and blue represents the American flag, a reminder that slaves and their descendants were and are Americans.

June 19, 1865, represents the day that enslaved black people in Galveston, Texas, became Americans under the law.

And while African Americans today are still fighting for equality and justice, Haith said those colors symbolize the continuous commitment of people in the United States to do better -- and to live up to the American ideal of liberty and justice for all.

JUNETEENTH UNITY WALK / JUNETEENTH HERITAGE TOUR / JUNETEENTH CARAVAN / PARADE PLANNING

- A community rally to promote the recognition of the Juneteenth National Independence Day.
 - Guided Tour of Selected Community Destinations, Commemorating historic sites and ancestors
 - Enlightening the community of the Juneteenth holiday
 - Promotes the recognition of Juneteenth National Independence Day
 - Promoting an appreciation of the freedoms gained by the end of enslavement
 - Promoting accomplishments since June 19, 1865
 - Promoting the Juneteenth programming.
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parade Route • Starting Time / Lighting • Purpose/ Mission • Recognition of Juneteenth • Promotion & Interview Opportunities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Events & Filming Permits • Liability Insurance • Vehicles and Banners • Water • Participation of the community • Flyers • Participation of bike advocacy groups, community bike | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> share systems, social service and social justice groups • City Services: • Police • Fire • Tourism • Chamber of Commerce • Paperwork & Supplies |
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- Permits
- Registration of Name
- Insurance
- Date Conflicts
- Floats
- Prices / Vendor/
- Car Sponsors
- Vendors
- Stamps/
Postage/Paper / Ink
- Water
- Participants
- Juneteenth Bike
Riders
- Marching Bands
- Drills Teams
- Steppers
- Grand Marshal
- Politicians
- Schools
- UNLV
- Organizations
- Promos
- Brochures
Development and
Distribution
- Flyers

9- 12 MONTHS

Plan Meeting Schedule

First Draft of Budget

Find Sites for Walk

Set Date

Determine if there are any requirements for the
walk from local government

Walk Route (from one historic site to another)

Establish Starting Time and Place

Lighting

Purpose/ Mission

Recognition of Juneteenth

Research Available Grants /Apply

Contact Potential Local Sponsors

Contact Potential Supporters

Participation of the community

Promotion & Interview Opportunities

Water Tables with Trash Bags

120 -150 DAYS

Confirm what are the requirements from local government

Request proclamations, in writing, from State, County, City to recognize Juneteenth

Create Flyers and Handouts

Follow up on any grant applications

Follow up with church groups, community organizations for participation

90-120 DAYS

Invite elected officials

30- 60 DAYS

Send press releases to media, churches, schools, etc. Distribute in parking lots, bus stops, businesses.

Reconfirm participants

Travel the route yourself, identify any possible problems

Create and distribute flyers, send press releases, list event on public event calendars, set up interviews, Create programs.

10-14 DAYS

Review starting and ending sites, 14 days prior to walk.

Make copies of General Order #3, Emancipation Proclamation for reading or inclusion in program/ flyer.

DAY BEFORE

Set up route markers in advance

Ensure no problems with route

Reconfirm with location sponsor the week before and again the day before.

DAY OF EVENT

Arrive early and be sure everything is in order.

Greet Guests / Distribute programs

POST EVENT

Take photos and document

Clean up & Collect markers

JUNETEENTH HEALTH AWARENESS BIKE RIDE

Raise Awareness of the continued impact of Sickle Cell on the lives of black people and community awareness of biking for transportation, recreation and health.

The goals of the event are:

Raise Awareness of the Juneteenth movement to build national attention

Raise Awareness of the continued impact of Sickle Cell on the lives of black people.

Raise community awareness of biking for transportation, recreation and health

Connecting bike advocacy groups, community bike share systems, social service and social justice, and event organizers to launch a community based "family fun" ride that will focus on building awareness of Juneteenth, promoting active transportation in communities of color and focusing attention on Sickle Cell Anemia and its impact on our communities.

Explore sites related to the African American experience and history

JUNETEENTH SITE MARKERS

Designation of historical sites and installation of commemorative markers

Sample Proclamation Request – Edit to fit your needs. Submit in February

Date:

Due Date: May 27, 2022

Contact information of person making the request:

Name:

Organization:

Cell and/or best daytime phone:

Email address:

Specific title of what will be proclaimed: Juneteenth National Independence Day

Date being proclaimed: June 19, 2022

Please provide 2-3 sentences about reason for recognition:

Whereas, Juneteenth National Independence Day is the most recognized African American holiday observance in the United States. Juneteenth National Independence Day commemorates the first day of the celebration of freedom in America for all Americans, and the last known celebration for the ending of slavery; and

Whereas, on June 19, 1862, the United States Congress abolished slavery in the Federal territories pursuant to the provisions of Chapter CXI—An Act to secure Freedom to all Persons within the Territories of the United States now existing, or which may at any time hereafter be formed or acquired by the United States; and

Whereas, Juneteenth also commemorates June 19, 1865 the day freedom was proclaimed to those enslaved in the south by issuance of General Order #3, in Galveston, Texas. The arrival in Galveston of the United States Colored Troops 25th Corps, enroute as a show of force on the Texas border from a French incursion, had to be providence, as they were led to deliver the news of freedom; and

Whereas, on June 14, 1866, slavery legally ended in all of America, the Oklahoma Territory, and the Federal Territories pursuant to four major treaties that were negotiated and formally signed – one treaty with the Cherokee, the Creek and the Seminole, and a combined treaty with the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations; and

Whereas, Americans of all colors, creeds, cultures, religions and countries-of-origin share in a common love of and respect for "*freedom*," as well as a mutual determination to protect the right to freedom through democratic institutions established by the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution. These "*tenets-of-freedom*" were appropriated but not applied fairly to all Americans as a whole, however, the celebration of Juneteenth continued regardless; and

Whereas, Juneteenth exemplifies the spirit of freedom for all, especially for those who, while making inventive, scientific, musical and medicinal contributions to America and the world; while serving in every one of America's wars and conflicts, from the revolutionary war forward; and while exemplifying courage, patriotism and exhibiting patience with grace, did so in the face and in spite of draconian laws and severe inequality;

Sample Thank You Single Page on your letterhead or email.

Edit the blue for your organization

Greetings and thank you from **your organization!**

Thank You:

Thank you for your support as we celebrate, engage and educate our state on Juneteenth. We appreciate you and look forward to continuing and strengthening our collaborative efforts.

History:

National Juneteenth Observance Foundation (NJOF). Founder, Rev. Ronald V. Myers, Sr. M.D. introduced Juneteenth to 43 states & the District of Columbia. Rev. Myers vision became a reality this past June 17, 2021 as President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day legislation with NJOF board member, Ms. Opal Lee at the table. The Juneteenth Nation goes forth to educate the world on Juneteenth and the many hidden stories as Subject Matter Experts on Juneteenth, recognized by the Library of Congress and the 400 Year Commission on African American History.

your organization has produced/ endorsed Juneteenth cultural events in the state for ____ years to all ages. Our events include, *but not limited to National Juneteenth Flag Raisings, Live Musical Performances, Educational presentations, Photo exhibits, MAAFA, Networking events, Art Festivals and Art Presentations such as 2 murals we have donated to 2 elementary schools in -- We also have the Lantern of Hope Community Service Travelling Trophy Award awarded to a community member who has been active in engaging and educating the community in a positive aspect. We have recorded historical memories on audio and video, etc.*

Juneteenth will occur on Father's Day 2022. The national theme will be recognition of the "Founding Fathers of Freedom, the U.S. Colored Troops". NJOF will honor and celebrate the USCT marching through the streets of Galveston with uniform buttons shining and guns on shoulders announcing freedom, Buffalo Soldiers, members and veterans of all branches of the military.

NJOF and the Juneteenth Nation will be reaching out nationwide to the religious community to post replicas of General Order #3 on their doors, as occurred at Reedy Chapel, June 19, 1865 when the minister read it to the formerly enslaved. This is a correction on the erroneous history of General Gordon Granger's balcony read, which never happened.

During 2022, we will be producing repeats of our 2021 programs and adding new components. There is an 18 month Juneteenth calendar in development and we will be participating in the 1st National Juneteenth Pit Master & Grill Master BBQ Competitions, the Juneteenth Film and Media Group, and the Juneteenth Stamp Campaign. Joining representatives from all states, we will travel to Galveston, Texas for the 5th Annual Juneteenth Directors and Planners meeting and the 3rd National Miss Juneteenth Scholarship Program.

Your continued support is requested. Your office will be contacted to be given additional details, as they are developed, including an invitation to join us for events and travel.

Please join us on Saturdays at 12 Noon Central time for the Juneteenth Directors and Planners Forum..
<https://www.uberconference.com/juneteenth> or call 720.452.2464. No pin required.

For additional information, reach out to us at **your information** or call the National NJOF office at 888.509.NJOF (6563) x701.

Respectfully,

Your Name
Title

Sample Letter to Ministerial Community for 2022

Medical Missionary, Rev. Ronald ‘Doc’ Myers’ M.D., (1956 – 2018), Founder of the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation (NJOF) , vision became a reality this past June. Reverend Myers introduced Juneteenth to 43 states and the District of Columbia. President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day legislation with an NJOF board member, at the table. This is the first paid federal holiday since Martin Luther King Day.

National Juneteenth Observance Foundation goes forth to educate the world on Juneteenth and the many hidden stories as the Subject Matter Experts on Juneteenth. We are recognized by the 400 Year Commission on African American History and the Library of Congress.

Juneteenth occurs on Father’s Day 2022. The national theme for 2022 will be recognition of the **Founding Fathers of Freedom, the United States Colored Troops** who proudly marched into Galveston Texas in their military uniforms, announcing freedom to those still held enslaved. Their message to General Granger resulted in General Order #3 being written and posted on the door of Reedy Chapel.

Call To Action We are asking churches across the country to post 11x17 copies of General Order #3 on their doors in June in recognition of that pronouncement. We are asking that churches return to their place in history as the foundation of the community. 1865, the minister was one of the only persons with the ability to read the order and confirm to the enslaved that the Emancipation Proclamation had been signed 2 ½ years earlier, granting their freedom. **We need your commitment to post copies of General Order #3 on your church door.**

Nationwide In June, there will be a USCT reenactors parade in D.C. We recognize our 3rd National Miss Juneteenth in October. We will be introducing the 1st National Juneteenth BBQ Pit Master & Grill Master Competitions and a National Juneteenth Film Fest. With your support, we can send local winners to Galveston in October to participate. We are working on plans for a commemorative coin and stamp.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on the twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among other things, the following, to wit:

“That on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free; and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom.

“That the Executive will, on the first day of January aforesaid, by proclamation, designate the States and parts of States, if any, in which the people thereof, respectively, shall then be in rebellion against the United States; and the fact that any State, or the people thereof, shall on that day be, in good faith, represented in the Congress of the United States by members chosen thereto at elections wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such State shall have participated, shall, in the absence of strong countervailing testimony, be deemed conclusive evidence that such State, and the people thereof, are not then in rebellion against the United States.”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, President of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested as Commander-in-Chief, of the Army and Navy of the United States in time of actual armed rebellion against the authority and government of the United States, and as a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing said rebellion, do, on this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and in accordance with my purpose so to do publicly proclaimed for the full period of one hundred days, from the day first above mentioned, order and designate as the States and parts of States wherein the people thereof respectively, are this day in rebellion against the United States, the following, to wit:

Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana (except the parishes of St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, St. James, Ascension, Assumption, Terrebone, Lafourche, St. Mary, St. Martin, and Orleans, including the city of New Orleans), Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia (except the forty-eight counties designated as West Virginia, and also the counties of Berkeley, Accomac, Northhampton, Elizabeth City, York, Princess Anne, and Norfolk, including the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth), and which excepted parts, are for the present, left precisely as if this proclamation were not issued.

And by virtue of the power, and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States, and parts of States, are, and henceforward shall be free; and that the Executive government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons.

And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defence; and I recommend to them that, in all cases when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.

And I further declare and make known, that such persons of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service.

And upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution, upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind, and the gracious favor of Almighty God.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.



DONE at the City of Washington, this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the eighty-seventh.

Abraham Lincoln

[ABRAHAM LINCOLN]

By the President:

WILLIAM H. SEWARD,

Secretary of State.

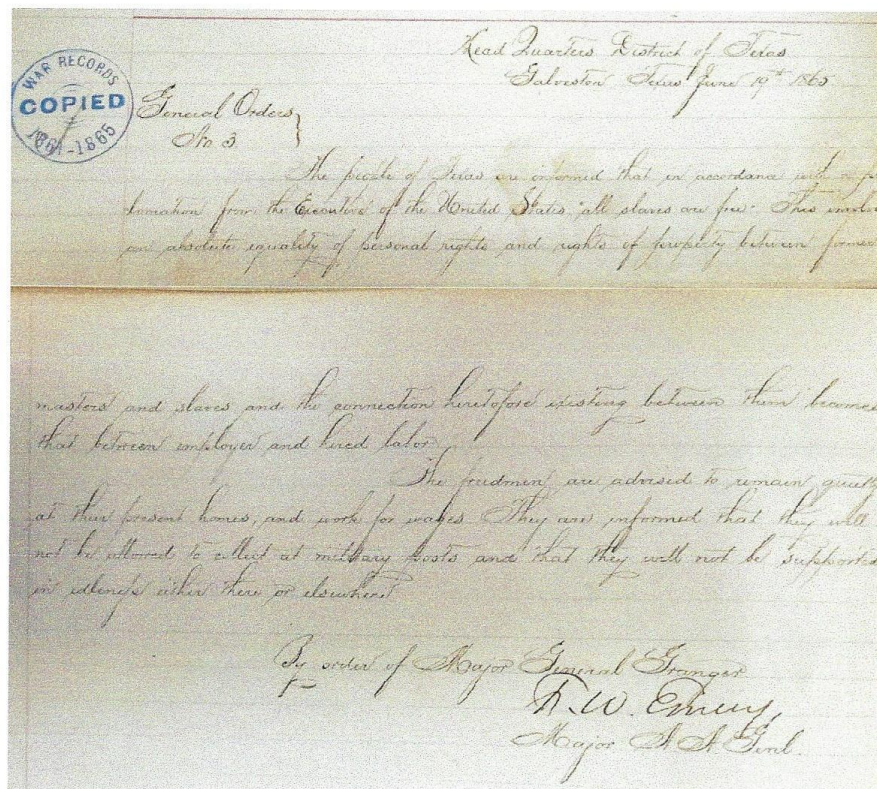
GENERAL ORDERS #3



"To bring all Americans together to enjoy our common bond of freedom through the recognition, observance, education and historic preservation of Juneteenth in America." - Founder Rev. Ronald V. Myers Sr. M.D.

Juneteenth

General Order #3 Posted on the door of Reedy Chapel in Galveston Texas on June 19, 1865



"The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves. The Freedmen are advised to remain at their present homes, and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts; and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere."

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

by James Weldon Johnson and J. Rosamond Johnson, 1900.

James Weldon Johnson was also the first black person admitted to the Florida Bar.

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand.
True to our GOD,
True to our native land.

NAVIGATE YOUR WAY THRU THE NJOF WEBSITE

The NJOF Customer Relationship Manager (CRM) is a system that allows NJOF participants access to resources and information to support their Juneteenth functions across the nation.

If you are not already receiving our emails, you must join. Send an email to join@nationaljuneteenth.org . Within 24 hours you should receive a welcome email.

Add your Contact Information to Master List. Go to www.NJOF.org

NJOF EVENT CALENDAR - Register your event to be listed on the NJOF website and possibly add to additional media sources

Use the Calendar to navigate to the month of your even

Click on the date of your event

A + add sign will appear, click on it

Add Title of your event, Location, Time, Description, (ignore the Category for now), Event type, Region

Click Save

SUBMIT NJOF EVENTS - This where you submit your event details and anything you may need for your event, i.e. a flag, banner, speaker or the Buffalo Soldiers, etc...

Click on Submit NJOF Events

Click on "New" in the menu

Input event details

Detail Assistance requested

Indicate your region

Add any attachments (like flyers or folders)

BE SURE TO CLICK SAVE

CONTACTS - Enter your contact information here and search for other NJOF participants contact information, resources and skills.

Click on Members

Click on Operations Portal

Click on Contact, click new, and add your information

Click Event Calendar, Select Month, Find Date and click on lower right in box

Submit event information to event Add your events, requests.

What is Juneteenth?

July 4th may be a patriotic day for all but it was not independence for all. July 4, 1776 recognized the freedom of the country from British rule. July 4, 1776, most blacks were not free in the United States.

There is a 2nd Independence Day to be recognized, Juneteenth, June 19, 1865. It was selected in 1994 by leaders of the modern Juneteenth movement to commemorate the end of enslavement of Americans of African descent. It recognizes June 19, 1865, on the island of Galveston, TX, when General Order #3 proclaiming freedom to the enslaved was posted on Reedy Chapel door. Major Gordon Granger was advised of their predicament by members of the USCT from Illinois and New York. This was the last major area of slavery in the United States following the end of the Civil War. It occurred more than two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by President Abraham Lincoln.

It was not the last day or place where slavery was practiced in this country. A year later in 1866, five tribes signed treaties freeing their enslaved, leading to the founding of 100 black towns, the majority of which were in Oklahoma. 12 of those black towns remain in existence.

The schools teach Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, and on and on, but they brush over slavery. Blacks served in the Revolutionary War and on both sides of the Civil War. Blacks have served in every war, in every conflict that this country has been engaged.

While the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments were ratified in the 19th century, it took nearly another 100 years before those of African descent were recognized as having rights. During 2019, we commemorated 400 years since the first landing of Africans at Point Comfort Virginia.

June 19th, Juneteenth National Independence Day legislation now exists as a day of celebration for the end of slavery. Juneteenth is the oldest national day celebrating the end of enslavement because Americans of African descent decided to recognize the "19th of June" as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day." June 17, 2021, President Joe Biden signed legislation for the Title 5 federal holiday, Juneteenth National Independence Day.

We are asking that the contributions of Blacks and the contributions of their collective descendants in the building of this country be recognized and taught to our youth. We are asking for recognition and acknowledgment of the full spectrum of African Americans achievements and accomplishments.

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400 YEARS
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), by and between the 400 Years of African American History Commission (the "400 Commission") and the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation, Inc. ("NJOF"), sets forth the terms on which the two organizations intend to collaborate for the 2019 Juneteenth celebration.

WHEREAS, the Commission will develop and facilitate activities throughout the United States to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of Africans in the English colonies at Point Comfort, Virginia, in 1619, recognizing and highlighting the resilience and contributions of African Americans from that seminal moment forward, while simultaneously acknowledging the painful impact of slavery, racial discrimination, and racism on our Nation; and

WHEREAS, because of the efforts of the 400 Commission, Americans of all stripes will be more aware of the immense sacrifices and prodigious contributions made by African Americans to our Nation over the course of the last 400 years; and

WHEREAS, the 400 Commission will be guided by its core values, viz., gratitude, honesty, hope, inclusion, integrity, and truth; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, United States soldiers in Galveston, Texas, delivered news of the end of the Civil War and, with it, the freedom of the enslaved in the Confederate-affiliated states, the commemoration of which is commonly known as "Juneteenth"; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, the oldest known commemoration of the cessation of slavery in America, remains a significant landmark in African America history; and

WHEREAS, NJOF, a foundation including hundreds of local, national, and international organizations that have worked for the passage of Juneteenth Independence Day legislation, has been instrumental in the passage of Juneteenth legislation in 43 of the 46 states that observe Juneteenth and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, NJOF, maintains traditions that include raising the Juneteenth flag and uplifting/educating of young people through Juneteenth pageants and essay competitions; and

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WHEREAS, NJOF advances the right of freedom through its education, health, music, art, and technology initiatives, creating opportunities for a better life for all; and

WHEREAS, NJOF, through legislation, commemoration, and education, continues to spread the spirit of freedom symbolized by Juneteenth throughout America; and

WHEREAS, the 400 Commission recognizes NJOF as the foremost expert on Juneteenth and, as such, refers all matters relating to Juneteenth to NJOF; and

WHEREAS, Let's Talk, Let's Drum, Let's Heal is a grassroots community-based initiative, set for June 19, 2019, that will engage the national and international community; and

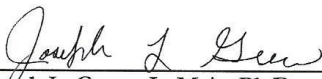
WHEREAS, the International Day of Drumming and Healing will focus on healing and re-education among African Americans, specifically, and the world community, generally, mourning the trauma endured by African Americans over four centuries occasioned by: the Transatlantic slave trade; forced family dissolution; centuries of degradation based on race (e.g., slavery, peonage, lynching, Jim Crow, and structural racism); myriad socioeconomic disparities; and, now, mass incarceration; and

WHEREAS, trauma contributes to diseases of the body, mind, and spirit, and informed by community stakeholders, cultural historians, and trauma specialists, the 400 Commission has identified the steps necessary to the onward and upward movement for African Americans, including: Remembering, Recognizing, Re-educating, Reconciling, Redeeming, Restoring, and Rejoicing, an alliterative formulation of a future direction that offers a roadmap for healing our history and forging a brighter future; and

WHEREAS, NJOF has agreed to incorporate Let's Talk, Let's Drum, Let's Heal concept into its Juneteenth portfolio through inclusion of the 400 Commission's International Day of Drumming and Healing, on Juneteenth, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 400 Commission and NJOF pledge to collaborate, as indicated in this MOU, in furtherance of the successful execution of 2019 Juneteenth activities in Washington, D.C and beyond.

DATED this 4th day of April 2019.



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One Hundred Seventeenth Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Sunday,
the third day of January, two thousand and twenty one*

An Act

To amend title 5, United States Code, to designate Juneteenth National Independence Day as a legal public holiday.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Juneteenth National Independence Day Act".

SEC. 2. JUNETEENTH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY AS A LEGAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

Section 6103(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to Memorial Day the following: "Juneteenth National Independence Day, June 19."

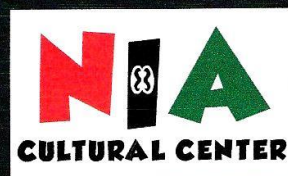
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